

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hiatt et al.

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WITH PROGRAMMABLE MATERIAL
CONSOLIDATION APPARATUS AND
SYSTEMS

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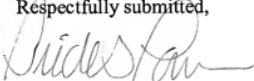
The Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due in the above-referenced application was accompanied by a statement of reasons for allowance. This communication is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e) and in response to the stated reasons for allowance.

It is noted that, with respect to the stated reasons for allowing independent claims 65

and 67, the retention systems recited in these claims do not "include" ejection elements. Rather, the programmable material consolidation apparatus to which independent claims 65 and 67 are directed include ejection elements.

It is further noted that, while the stated reasons for allowance quote language from portions of the allowed independent claims with a fair degree of accuracy, the scopes of the quoted portions of the allowed claims should be determined by their plain language, as well as the full scope of available equivalents to the recited elements.

Respectfully submitted,



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